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SUBJ: JERUSALEM MOCK TRIAL OF SECRETARY AND US MIDDLE EAST

POLICY CANCELLED

- 1. AS PART OF THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST INTERIM AGREEMENT,
 GUSH EMUNIM AND NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY YOUTH FACTION LAST WEEK
 MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO HOLD "MOCK TRIAL" OF SECRETARY KISSINGER
 AND US MIDDLE EAST POLICY IN JERUSALEM CONCERT HALL
 (BINYANEI HAOOMA) THIS EVENING. ORGANIZERS INITIALLY HAD
 ATTEMPTED TO RENT HALL OWNED BY JERSUALEM MUNICIPALITY,
 BUT HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN BY MAYOR KOLLEK. THEY THEN RENTED
 BINYANEI HAOOMA, WHOSE MAJOR OWNER IS JEWISH AGENCY, AND
 PREPARED POSTERS AND HANDBILLS ANNOUNCING THE EVENT. HALL SEATS
 ABOUT 3000 PEOPLE AND EXPECTATION CLEARLY WAS FOR LARGE TURNOUT.
- 2. PARTICIPANTS IN MOCK TRIAL WERE TO INCLUDE POLITICIANS,
 JOURNALISTS AND ACADEMICIANS (MAINLY FROM BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY,
 WHICH IS AFFILIATED TO ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT),
 INCLUDING SUCH PROMINENT PERSONALITIES AS LIKUD MK SHMUEL TAMIR,
 HAARETZ CORRESPONDENT MATI GOLAN, AND PROFESSOR AMOS PERLMUTTER.
 ORGANIZIS ALSO HAD EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO HANS MORGENTHAU,
 ELI WEISEL AND ALEXANDER SOLZHENITZYN TO COME TO ISRAEL FOR THE
 TRIAL.

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3. OVER WEEKEND AMBASSADOR MENTIONED PLANS FOR MOC TRIAL IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER,

EXPRESSING HIS SURPRISE THAT SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL JEWISH AGENCY WOULD AGREE TO RENT HALL FOR EVENT OF THIS NATURE AT SUCH CRITICAL PERIOD IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR INTERIM AGREEMENT. THEY INDICATED THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM.

- 4. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS AUGUST 27, MOCK TRIAL HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED AS RESULT OF DECISION BY MANAGEMENT OF AUDITORIUM THAT IT WOULD BE UNABLE TO GUARANTEE SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER AS REQUIRED BY THE POLICE AUTHORITIES. GUARANTEE OF SECURITY WAS A PROVISION FOR RENTAL OF THE HALL. ACCORDING TO JERUSALEM POST AUGUST 27, DECISION TO CANCEL RENTAL DID NOT INVOLVE SENIOR LEVELS OF JEWISH AGENCY.
- 5. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SUPREME CURT JUSTICE OLSHAN IN RADIO INTERVIEW AUGUST 26 SAID THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MISDEMEANOR AS WELL AS BAD TASTE TO CONDUCT MOCK TRIAL, NOTING SECTION OF CRIMINAL LAW CODE MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO DEGRADE HIGH OFFICIAL OF A FOREIGN STATE OR DO ANYTHING LIKELY TO DISTURB PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ANOTHER STATE. TOON

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